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GOVERNOR KAINE RECOGNIZES LABOR DAY IN VIRGINIA

Richmond, Virginia -- The Department of Labor and Industry today issued a proclamation signed by Governor Tim Kaine in honor of Labor Day in Virginia. The proclamation recognizes Virginia's working citizens for their leadership and for performing their work with distinction. It also accents the state's commitment to effective workforce development, creating gainful job opportunities, and providing safe, healthy and productive work environments for employees and employers.

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers.

The Department of Labor and Industry offers a registered apprenticeship program and is responsible for occupational safety and health, payment of wage and other state labor laws, and boiler and pressure vessel safety in Virginia. The quality of the state's workforce was among the factors that contributed to Virginia's recent ranking as the best state for business by Forbes.com.

The proclamation is posted on the Governor's Web site at
<http://www.governor.virginia.gov/CitizenServices/Proclamations/2006/LaborDay.cfm>

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